

### REMARKS

This amendment is being filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Accordingly, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, and 5-15 have been canceled, and Claims 16-30 have been added to particularly point out and distinctly claim the novel aspects of the present invention. Therefore, Claims 16-30 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1 and 8-12 were rejected in a February 28, 2003, Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action") under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,727,644 to Giannos (hereinafter "Giannos") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,650,095 to Tella (hereinafter "Tella"). Claims 2, 4, 5, 14, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giannos and Tella in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,287,989 to Falb (hereinafter "Falb"). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over as being unpatentable over Giannos and Tella in view of Falb. Claims 1, 7, 11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giannos in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,722,463 to Anderson (hereinafter "Anderson"). Additionally, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). Finally, the specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of an automatic fluid transfer medium as recited in amended Claims 1 and 11. For at least the reasons that will be discussed in detail below, applicant respectfully asserts that the present application is in condition for allowance.

#### Objections to the Drawings

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Office Action states that the measuring scale recited in Claim 6 is required to be illustrated in the drawing. Accordingly, applicant has canceled Claim 6, thus rendering the pending objection to the drawings moot.

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### Objections to the Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of "an automatic fluid transfer medium" under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(b)(1). Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 11, thereby rendering the objection to the specification moot.

### Rejections Under U.S.C. § 103(a)

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### New Claims 16-30

New Claims 16-30 have been added to particularly point out and distinctly claim the novel aspects of the present invention. Applicant respectfully asserts that the newly submitted claims recite combinations of features not taught nor suggested by the prior art. Specifically, applicant asserts that Giannos, Tella, Falb, and Anderson fail to teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, a motor or power generation means in combination with a lubrication storage container. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 16-30 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant asserts that the claims of the present application recite combinations of features not suggested nor taught by the prior art. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action, and the allowance of all pending claims. If any further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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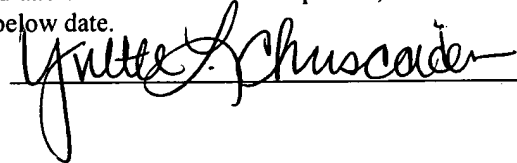


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